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## HASSLES?

Maybe we can help. We're not making any promises, but if we can help you to find your way through university red tape, we're at your disposal. All you need to do is ask. Drop us a line or give us a call.

# PARTY

The Graduate Students' Association will be holding its Mid-Term Party soon. There will be dancing. Refreshments will be served. Beer will be sold three for a dollar. Bring your Grad. I.D. and a friend.

Date: Friday, February 29, 1980

Time: 8:00 p.m.

Place: H-651

GENERAL INTEREST SERIES

## CLAUDE RYAN

Mr. Claude Ryan, Leader of the Quebec Liberal Party and Opposition Leader in the Quebec National Assembly, has accepted our invitation to speak at Concordia University.

Date: Wednesday, January 23, 1980

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: H-110

GEORGES FOREST

The Manitoban who Started It! On December 13, 1979, a Supreme Court of Canada ruling struck down the section of the Quebec Language Law (Bill 101) which stated that French was the only official language of the Quebec National Assembly and the provincial courts. These provisions were struck down on the grounds that they violated Section 153 of the British North America Act. In a separate judgement, the Supreme Court ruled the 1890 Act of Manitoba, which makes English the province's only official language, unconstitutional.

Georges Forest, a resident of St. Boniface, Manitoba, was instrumental in bringing Manitoba into bilingualism, as the Fathers of Confederation intended.

Topic: Canadian Unity From Coast To Coast

Date: Tuesday, February 19, 1980

Time: 3:00 p.m.

Place: H-937

\*\* There will be a General Meeting of the Graduate Students' Association following this talk.

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GRADUATE STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION QUESTIONNAIRE

You will shortly be receiving your questionnaire from the G.S.A. Please fill it out and return it to us as soon as possible. Thank you for co-operating with us.

### G.S.A. FOSTER CHILDREN

The Graduate Students' Association has two foster children: six year-old Julia Aranciba of Bolivia and nine year-old Egberto Rivera of Ecuador. Being sponsored has brought a sense of hope and caring to these needy children and their families.

We recently received a letter from Julia:

Dear Foster Parent:

I hope that when you receive this letter you are in good health next to your relatives. I also truly thank you for having accepted being my Foster Parent.

My family is made of: my father, Vicente, who is a farmer; my mother, Santusa is a housewife; my brother Pedro is one year old. I am six and I am in the 1st grade.

Later I will tell you more details about my family and my community. I say good-bye very lovingly.

(written by the Social Worker)

And from Egberto:

Dear Foster Father:

I greet you and hope to find you in good health and I wish you merry Xmas and happy New Year 1980.

Foster Father, we celebrate Xmas and New Year in the spring, on October 9, we celebrated the Independence Day Guayaquil, this is 159 anniversary, there was a Guayaquil's Princess: Patricia I.

On October 7 was the school parade, October 8, the high school parade and October 9 was the army parade. On October 12 was the Race's Day.

We are fine and give our thanks to God, because we are in good health. Your foster child was 9 years old on September 20.

With nothing else, I say good-bye.

(written by Edita Rivera, Egberto's mother)

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### G.S.A. POLICY FOR THOSE PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES

Limited funds are available to offset the cost of trips by those graduate students presenting papers related to their fields of study at conferences. Please apply in writing at least one month prior to the presentation of your paper, and be as detailed as possible.

## REPORTS AND THESIS TYPING

For those lucky people who have a report or thesis completed and ready for typing, the Computer Centre offers the use of its text processing facilities. The "editor" allows you to enter your text almost as you do on a typewriter. You can then make insertions, deletions and corrections without having to retype the entire page. The computer does it all for you, on quality paper, using a special printer. If you have marginal knowledge about using the computer, the editor is not difficult to use. For further information, see the Text Processing Manual in the libraries or the Bookstore.

For Engineering students, an IBM typewriter will soon be available for typing theses. (Further information can be obtained from Omprakash Sharma, the Engineering Representative on the G.S.A. Council. Tel: 879-7234).

## CHESS TOURNAMENT

The G.S.A. is organising a Chess Tournament to be held on February 2 and 3, 1980. Participation is limited to members of the Graduate Students' Association. The Tournament is internal and will not be rated by the Quebec Chess Federation. It will consist of four rounds to be played by the Swiss System.

The Chess Tournament will be refereed by Dr. Latinovic, of the Mechanical Engineering Department.

Entry is free. Graduate Students who wish to participate in the tournament should register at the G.S.A. Office, 2160 Bishop, #105, between 12 noon and 6:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday. The dead-line for registration is Wednesday, January 30, 1980, at 6:00 p.m.

Date: February 2 and February 3, 1980

Place: Faculty Club Dining Room, Hall Building, H-7th.

Time: First Round; February 2, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Second Round; February 2, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
Third Round; February 3, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.  
Fourth Round; February 3, 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Prizes: 1st Prize: \$100.00  
2nd Prize: \$ 75.00  
3rd Prize: \$ 50.00

If you don't want to participate in the Tournament, come anyhow, and catch the action!

## CAGS REPORT

On November 1 and 2, 1979, our Graduate Students' Association representative, Giuseppe Matteo, participated in the Canadian Association of Graduate Schools (CAGS) Conference in Ottawa. There were three presentations at the Conference, made by the three major granting councils: McNab, of the NSERC; Roxburgh, of the MRC; and Fortier, of the SSHRC. All three discussed the crisis in research and development in Canada.

Graduate students from across Canada were represented. The students exchanged opinions on various topics in university research. It was an excellent opportunity for graduate students from across the country to share ideas.